

within said chunk, at least the [addressed] cells within said chunk are all reset to one of the more than two programmable states.

98. (Amended) The method of claim 97, wherein resetting at least the [addressed] cells within said chunk includes initially driving at least all of the [addressed] cells within said chunk to a common state different than any of said more than two programmable states, and then programming all of at least the [addressed] cells within said chunk from the common state into said one of the more than two programmable states by the following:

applying electrical programming parameters in parallel to at least the [addressed] cells within said chunk,

monitoring the states in which at least the [addressed] cells within said chunk are individually programmed, and

terminating application of programming parameters to individual ones of at least the [addressed] cells within said chunk when they are monitored to have reached said one of the more than two programmable states while continuing to apply said programming parameters to others of the [addressed] cells within said chunk until all of the [addressed] cells within said chunk are determined to have reached the reset one of the more than two programmable states.

REMARKS

This Third Preliminary Amendment is being filed to further modify and improve the claims prior to their substantive examination. An Information Disclosure Statement was filed by mail on January 7, 1998. An early examination and allowance of the present application are solicited.

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